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FOR NEA LABOR ADVISOR HOLLY

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1. FOLLOWING IS MENA TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN AL-AKHBAR JAN 29, 1978. WE INTERESTED TO NOTE, ONCE AGAIN, EFFORT TO STRESS THAT DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES ARE ALIVE AND WELL AT THE EFL. ARTICLE REFLECTS GENERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REACTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CHAIKIN BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH AND UNDERSTANDING OF -- IF NOT UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT WITH -- VIEWS HE EXPRESSED. IT PROBABLY INTENDED PREPARE WAY FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S VISIT TO U.S. THIS SUMMER, TO WHICH LABOR LEADERS HAVE ATTACHED "GREAT IMPORTANCE" IN OUR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS.

2. TEXT. BASIC PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN COOPERATION BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AND U.S. LABOR FEDERATIONS

CLARITY AND UNDERSTANDING PREVAILED IN DISCUSSIONS BE-
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TWEEN EGYPTIAN UNION LEADERS AND THE U.S. UNION DELEGATION WHICH RESPONDED TO ALL REQUISITES OF THE LABOR UNIVERSITY PROPOSED BY THE EGYPTIAN UNION DELEGATION.

BASIC PRINCIPLES GOVERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN AND U.S. LABOR FEDERATIONS TOOK SHAPE DURING THE DISCUSSIONS AND THIS WAS EVIDENT IN STATEMENTS BY THE

HEAD OF THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AND THE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EGYPTIAN FEDERATION OF LABOR WAS KEEN TO AFFIRM THAT THE EGYPTIAN FEDERATION WAS APPOINTED BY ELECTION FROM BASE TO SUMMIT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE UNION LEADERS WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, ADDING THAT THEY WERE THE LEADERS OF THE EGYPTIAN UNIONIST MOVEMENT ELECTED BY THE WORKING CLASSES IN FREE AND DIRECT ELECTIONS.

THE DELEGATE OF THE U.S. FEDERATION, MR. CHAIKIN, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DEMOCRACY PRACTICED BY THE EGYPTIAN FEDERATION WHEN 25 EGYPTIAN UNIONIST DELEGATIONS VOTED APPROVAL OF THE DECISION TO VISIT THE U.S.A.

SAAD MOHAMED AHMED PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION EXPRESSED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION, ADDING THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION'S VISIT HAD BEEN PAID IN RESPONSE TO THE VISIT PAID BY THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO THE U.S.A. HE SAID THAT GREAT APPRECIATION WAS FELT BY THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION FOR THE FULL SUPPORT BY THE U.S. DELEGATION OF THE PEACE INITIATIVE BY PRESIDENT SADAT AND THEIR INTENTION TO JOIN WITH EGYPT IN GIVING THE INITIATIVE AN IMPETUS.

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MR. CHAIKIN SAID THAT EGYPTIAN LABOR WAS OF INTELLIGENCE TO A DEGREE ENABLING IT TO SET THEIR OWN SYSTEMS AND EFFECT OPTIMUM IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE SYSTEMS ACCORDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT IN EGYPT.

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